

**Agenda**  
**INDIANA BOARD OF FIREFIGHTING**  
**PERSONNEL STANDARDS AND EDUCATION MEETING**

**February 16, 2015**  
**Indianapolis Professional Firefighter Union Local 416**  
**748 Massachusetts Ave**  
**Indianapolis IN 46204**  
**317-262-5161**

- A Meeting called to order
- B. Approval of December 15<sup>th</sup> minutes as submitted
- C Variance requests;
  - 1. Margaret Sinclair is requesting a variance for Fire Officer 3. She has a Masters Degree in Public Safety Management. Transcripts enclosed. She has completed the state skills for FO 3 and completed the variance request packet with all information.  
  
Staff has no recommendation.
  - 2. Jayme Washel is requesting a variance for the prerequisites for Vehicle/Machinery and Trench Operations/Technician certification. We are holding a class in March for the Trench Rescue and due to the skills involved in Vehicle, not all students will have completed the skills in time for Trench testing. I am asking that the students be allowed to take the testing for Trench even though they may not have completed the vehicle rescue at that time.  
  
Staff recommends approval. Staff requests that this be a conditional approval. All testing must be completed no later than July 1, 2015 for this to be valid.
  - 3. Stephen Coover is requesting variances for the following individuals for Confined Space Rescue Ops/Tech. They have met the prerequisite for

this certification. They completed training for confined space rescue at Camp Atterbury through a program with PSTI. They have continued training several times annually for this classification and would like certification based on the last 14 years of classes and additional training. Stephen Coover is present for any questions.

Josh Blackwell; Matt Muchling; Zack Brinson; Kyle Mundy; Ray Cazee; Like Murphy; George Cornwell; Matt Patterson; Tania Daffron; Rick Petermichel; Danny Gillespie; Skyler Pittman; Jeremy Goad; Joe Radanovich; Garrett Greathouse; Jordan Reeves; Jeff Hacker; Brett Roberts; John Hayes; Rob Sears; Jeremy Helton; Kevin Tracy; Bryan Hutchinson; Jayme Washel; Brandon Hudson; Dustin White; Jason James; Jason Zeeks; and Kyle Koons.

Staff has no recommendation at this time. Staff is meeting with Mr. Coover on Feb 7<sup>th</sup> to gather more information on this issue.

4. Kyle Hinds is requesting a variance for Instructor I. He holds a current Primary Instructor for ILEA; has 7 years in the fire service and holds several fire certifications. He has been asked to be the training officer for his FD and he lacks this certification.

Staff recommends approval pending his passing the Instructor reciprocity test.

5. Christian McFarland is requesting a variance for Instructor I based on his current Primary Instructor certification.

Staff recommends approval pending his passing the Instructor reciprocity test.

6. Jeff Wheeler is asking for a variance for Fire Officer Strategy and Tactics.

Mr Wheeler passed the Safety Officer test in 2006 and was denied certification because he had not met the prerequisites. Mr. Wheeler then passed the Fire Officer I testing in 2008, but was denied certification because he did not meet the prerequisite. Mr. Wheeler is requesting a variance for Fire Officer Strategy and Tactics based on his Strategy and Tactics from 1998, and college transcripts. Mr. Wheeler then requests that his Fire Officer I and Safety Officer be credited.

Staff recommends denial. The strategy and tactics from 1998 does not meet the requirements of Fire Officer Strategy and Tactics of today's standards. Without the Fire Officer Strategy and Tactics he does not meet the prerequisite for Fire Officer I. The current Fire Officer I is certified to the 2009 standard, and Safety Officer is certified to the 2008 standard.

7. Stephen Coover is requesting a variance for Fire Officer IV, and Public Fire and Life Safety Officer I/II. Mr. Coover has submitted his resume, as well as curriculum of classes that he has attended that meet the current standards required. He is in the audience for questions.

Staff has no recommendation.

8. Bryan Weaver is requesting a variance for Instructor I based on his Indiana Teachers License. The Board denied him in December because he had a substitute teacher's license. He now has a state teaching license and is employed at the Muncie Career Area Center, Fire Science division. Mr. Weaver is here today for any questions along with Jo Ann McCowan, Dir. Career & Technical Education and Extended Service of Muncie Community Schools.

Staff recommends approval pending his passing the Instructor reciprocity test.

9. Brendon Hartnett is requesting a variance for Fire Officer IV. Mr. Hartnett has both a Bachelor of Science from IUPUI and two other Associate Degrees, one from IUPUI in Paramedic Science and the other in Fire Science from Ivy Tech. He has completed the variance packet for Fire Officer IV and included the requested documentation including the skills check off sheet.

Staff recommends approval based on documentation submitted.

- D. James Greeson, State Fire Marshal report;
- E. Joe Romero, Director of Training report;
- F. John Buckman, fire training report;

1. Is a primary instructor an equivalent prerequisite to having been certified as an instructor for fire officer certifications?
2. Non rule policies.

G. Administrative proceedings;

H Request for reciprocity;

I. Administrative appeal requests;

J Old business;

1. Dudley Taylor tabled from December 2014 meeting.  
Chief Taylor completed Hazmat Technician out of order. The Board asked why the delay in applying for this.  
Chief Taylor is available for questions.
2. Michael Chastain, Garry Bendix and Kristopher Wulff, tabled from Dec 2014 meeting, expired Instructor certifications. The Board requested completed Instructor renewal forms showing that hours were completed on a timely basis.
3. Election of vice chair
4. ADA form
5. Repealing 655 IAC 1-2.1-16  
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6. Open book testing for instructor reciprocity test results.  
So far only 2 individuals have tested, 1 passed and one failed

K. New business;

L Meeting adjourned

NEXT MEETING:

April 13, 2015 6pm  
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